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The United States Secret Service is charged by law with the responsibility of protecting the life of the President, the Vice President, the President Elect and the Vice President Elect.

A select detail of men known as the "White House Detail" have the direct responsibility for the President's safety and welfare. A similar but smaller group have similar responsibilities for the Vice President.

From time to time in connection with trips the President or Vice President may take abroad, members of the Secret Service will call upon our missions and establishments abroad for assistance in carrying out their responsibilities. Normally, the Secret Service sends an advance team to set up the "arrangements" for such visits. These men have a most serious responsibility and it is the duty of every member of the Foreign Service to assist them in every way possible.

To insure that in the future every assistance is rendered to those agents of the Secret Service travelling abroad in connection with Presidential or Vice Presidential visits, it is directed that:

(a) When a Secret Service Agent calls at any U.S. mission or establishment abroad, the Principal Officer shall be informed at once;

(b) Every effort will be made to provide any and all assistance requested or required;

(c) Principal Officers shall personally assume, or appoint an officer to assume, the responsibility of meeting the needs and requirements requested by the Secret Service Agent or Agents.

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